Third Quarter
2017 – 2018

Message from the President By: Chett Siefring

As the third quarter comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone that was involved with making all the Engineers Week activities a success. I would also like to congratulate Richard Martinko for being named the TSPE engineer of the year and Trent Hathaway for being named the TSPE young engineer of the year. As the weather becomes nicer, please keep in mind that construction projects are starting up all around. Please be careful when driving through construction zones as we would like to see everyone make it home each evening. Finally, I would like to remind everyone that the TSPE golf outing supports our scholarship fund, so please plan to attend. This year’s outing will be held at the Legacy Golf Club on May 25, 2018. See following page for more information.

January Financial Meeting Recap

In late February, TSPE was fortunate enough to have three experts speak at the annual financial meeting at the Toledo Club. Darlene Knapp, CPA, of Knapp & Associates spoke about both personal and corporate tax law changes for the year. Chuck Hoecherl of First Federal Bank focused on methods to keep personal information safe. A couple of simple methods, which Hoecherl discussed, included requiring a password for computer login, as well as hovering the computer’s cursor over links in emails before clicking on them to determine whether they are spam or malicious. Hoecherl advised the audience to confirm that the domain name that appears while hovering over the link matches the origin of the email. Phillip Bollin (pictured at the right), Certified Financial Planner™, of Bollin Wealth Management LLC spoke about economic growth, stock market activity, inflation, and interest rates.

Engineers Week – Engineers Inspiring Wonder

Engineers Week (E-Week) celebrations in the Toledo Chapter area took place concurrently with national festivities the week of February 18-24, 2018. As a precursor to the week, MATHCOUNTS took place at the University of Toledo (UT) during late January with McCord Junior High School (JHS) finishing in first place. The UT College of Engineering (COE) and UT student organizations held events throughout E-Week, including Dream Big movie showings and UT COE tours. Additionally, UT events included an Engineer for a Day program, which incorporated corporate shadowing in the afternoon, and an Introduce a Girl to Engineering program. TSPE’s Engineer of the Year luncheon was held on Monday of E-Week, with approximately 140 attendees, at Parkway Place in Maumee, Ohio. During the luncheon, Richard Martinko, P.E. was honored as engineer of the year and Trent Hathaway, P.E. was honored as young engineer of the year. In attendance at the luncheon were five elected officials, as well as OSPE Executive Director Tim Schaffer. The E-Week banquet was held at Parkway

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Place on Thursday of E-Week, with over 385 attendees from more than 35 engineering and technology companies and societies. Included in attendance were the MATHCOUNTS winning team from McCord JHS and the McCord JHS FIRST Robotics team, which brought their robots to display during the networking hour. The TSPE engineer and young engineer of the year recipients were again recognized, and a $1,000 scholarship was presented to Brandon Kretz, a student at UT. The keynote speaker was Bill Stone, PhD, P.E., President and CEO of Stone Aerospace of Austin, Texas. Stone presented “How to Find Life Off Earth.” Stone’s presentation reflected well the E-Week Inspiring Wonder theme this year! TSPE was able to provide these E-Week activities with the help of generous sponsors, and E-Week committee members who volunteered their time.

Upcoming TSPE Events

April Chapter Meeting:
Todd Audet, P.E., VP of Planning, Engineering, and Operations of Toledo Lucas County Port Authority (TLCPA)
Program: TLCPA Master Planning and Project Updates.
April 25, 2018, at the University of Toledo Brady Engineering Innovation Center
11:45AM registration opens; 12:15PM buffet lunch with program to follow.
Register by noon on April 20, 2018, at www.tspeohio.com/upcoming-events.

Annual Golf Outing:
May 25, 2018, at Legacy Golf Club, Ottawa Lake, Michigan
Check in opens at 7:45AM
Shotgun start at 8:30AM
Registration and sponsorship information are available at www.tspeohio.com/upcoming-events.
Please consider joining TSPE for its University of Toledo Student Chapter scholarship fundraiser!

Opening Available

TSPE Engineers Week Committee Vice Chairperson:
Volunteer position includes preparing committee meeting minutes, assistance with preparation of Engineers Week (E-Week) binder containing information regarding Toledo Chapter E-Week activities that is submitted to Ohio Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE), and master of ceremonies for the E-Week luncheon that is typically held on Presidents Day (February 18, 2019). Vice chairperson becomes chairperson the following year. Chairperson leads the committee in preparation of E-Week events and is the master of ceremonies for the E-Week banquet held on Thursday during E-Week. Committee meets monthly September through February.
If interested, please contact Chett Siefring, 2019 E-Week chairperson at csiefring@ttlassoc.com or 419-214-5006.

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